

National Firefighter Presumptive Legislation Reference

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For any amendments or corrections, please contact VFBV.

	Qualifying period	Federal Legislation	Australian Capital Territory	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia
1 Primary site brain cancer	5 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 Primary site bladder cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 Primary site kidney cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 Primary non-Hodgkins lymphoma	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 Primary leukemia	5 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Primary site breast cancer	10 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 Primary site testicular cancer	10 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8 Multiple myeloma	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 Primary site prostate cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 Primary site ureter cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11 Primary site colorectal cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 Primary site oesophageal cancer	15 years	✓ (15)	✓ (15)	✓ (25)	✓ (25)	✓ (15)	✓ (15)	✓ (25)	✓ (25)	✓ (25)
13 Primary site lung cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
14 Primary site skin cancers	15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
15 Primary site cervical cancer	10 years	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16 Primary site ovarian cancer	10 years	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17 Primary site penile cancer	15 years	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
18 Primary site pancreatic cancer	10 years	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
19 Primary site thyroid cancer	10 years	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
20 Malignant mesothelioma	15 years	✓	✓	●		✓	✓	✓		✓
21 Primary site liver cancer	15 years				✓	✓	✓			
22 Primary site uterine	10 years			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
23 Primary site vulval	10 years			✓						
24 Primary site vaginal	10 years			✓						

Ability to add new cancers via legislation (L) or regulation (R)	R	R	L	L	L	L	R	L	R
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Asbestos related diseases	15 years			●	✓	✓	✓	●		
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✓	= In place	✓	= Government legislation making its way through Parliament	(25)	= Qualifying period
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✓	= Legislation in place but awaiting ACT Government to fix an anomaly to cover volunteers.
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●	= Covered by different legislation. NSW covered by the Dust Diseases Scheme. TAS covered by the Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011.
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